



# **Maneuver Warfighting Challenges**



***The Maneuver Warfighting Challenges are eleven first-order questions that focus the MCoE's efforts to develop comprehensive solutions for the problem of future armed conflict. The answers to the Warfighting Challenges will directly improve the combat effectiveness of the maneuver force.***

- 1. How to develop and sustain a high degree of situational understanding while operating in complex environments against determined, adaptive enemy organizations.**
- 2. How to conduct effective air-ground combined arms reconnaissance to rapidly develop the situation in close contact with the enemy and civilian populations.**
- 3. How to conduct maneuver and integrate all arms and joint capabilities to seize and retain the initiative and defeat capable, determined enemy organizations in all types of terrain including dense urban areas (includes offense and defense).**
- 4. How to conduct security operations across wide areas to secure the force, critical infrastructure, or critical activities (e.g. development of indigenous security forces or establishment of legitimate governance/rule of law).**
- 5. How to retain freedom of movement and action at the end of extended and contested lines of operation during high tempo, decentralized operations.**
- 6. How to conduct security force assistance (Foreign Internal Defense) and conduct effective multinational operations (including combat advisory) across the range of military operations.**
- 7. How to exert influence over a broad range of actors and organizations to shape conditions or consolidate gains consistent with the mission.**
- 8. How to establish and maintain effective communications and defeat enemy attempts to interrupt critical satellite, terrestrial, and CYBER capabilities.**
- 9. How to protect the force from Remote Anti-Armor Mines (RAAMs); Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Environment (CBRNE); unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV); and other emerging long range threats.**
- 10. How to defeat enemy anti access capabilities, conduct forcible entry and rapidly transition to offensive operations to envelop or turn enemy out of defensive positions.**
- 11. How to develop resilient and adaptive Soldiers, Leaders, and units to operate effectively in environments of complexity and persistent danger.**